**Romeo & Juliet Webquest English9**

**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?
2. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* He was born in 1564.

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* That’s where Shakespeare was born.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* Pembroke’s Men.

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* Around 1598.

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?
   2. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?

* Peter Smith.
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?
* 10% of the total profile.

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died? April 23rd, 1616. He was 52 years old when he died.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* A love contract before marriage.
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* Hold hands, give rings to each other, and then seal the contract with a kiss.

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* The bride is expected to where a white dress.
  1. How the intention to marry is announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* The intention to marry must be announced in the church three times. That is on three consecutive Sundays or holy days in the same parish. Its considered illegal.
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* The bridal procession is generally noisy accompanied by musicians, laughter, and bawdy jokes. Town councils have been known to complain about the noise and general disorder. If the groom is not part of the procession he meets the bride either at the side door of the church or at the altar.
  1. What is a dowry?
* The dowry is an amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage. It can also be called her marriage portion.

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* The people usually eat two meals a day.

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* Because chocolate has not yet been introduced yet in this era.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

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| Dinner | Peas | Melons | Perch |
| Menu: | Broad bean | Grapes | Deer |